31.8.1990 which provides considerable improvement in the salary and allowances of pilots. The Association has also signed a Memorandum of Understanding on career pattern for pilots providing for considerable improvement in their career progression.

Functioning of Indian Embassy in Sudan

2712. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Statesman dated 3rd June, 1989 regarding the functioning of the Indian Emabssy in Sudan and the alleged misdeeds of a former Indian diplomat in that country;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any inquiry into the matter; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The matter has been looked into. No evidence of any misdeeds has been found.

Indian Government asked to Stop Anti-Bangladesh Conspiracy and Terrorist Activities

2713. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem which appeared in the Indian Express dated 25th May, 1989 quoting debate in the Bangladesh Parliament asking the Indian Government to stop anti-Bangladesh conspiracy and terrorist activities being operated from Indian soil; and

(b) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government are firmly opposed to such activities being carried on from the Indian soil.

Land Illegally Occupied by the Slum Dwellers Around Major Airports

2714. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the percentage of the land belonging to the Airports which has been illegally accupied by slum dwellers around the major airports namely Bombay, Madras, Calcutta and Delhi and what is the percentage of rise in the slum population around these airports;

(b) what are the major problems being faced by the Airports with the steady rise in the slum population; and

(c) what measures have been taken by Government so far to remove the slums around the airports in order to solve the problems and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The percentage of IAAI land illegally occupied by slum dwellers at Bombay, Calcutta, Delhi and Madras Airport is 10.66, 4,377, 0.02 and 0.014 respectively. The increase of slum population at Bombay Airport is 28.55 per cent per annum. There is no increase in slum population at other airports.

(b) The unauthorised settlements cause security risk to aircraft operations, attract birds in the around the airports, give rise to rodent menace and retard the expansion of airport facilities due to scarcity of land.

(c) The Govt. of Maharashtra have offered an alternative site at Bombay measuring about 100 acres for resettlement of the slum-dwellers. IAAI have deposited Rs. 1.00 crore for development of this land. IAAI have also taken up clearance operations at Bombay airport with the help of police and civic authorities from time to time. Similar clearance operations are also taken up a Delhi Airport. At Madras Airport, there are only three hutments and action has been initiated for their removal. At Calcutta Airport, the Government of West Bengal is yet to refer a scheme for clearance of the squatters.

Road Building as an Industry

2715. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have approved the project to recognise road building as an industry for facilitating the private sector in the country to enter into this activity; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) Government has agreed in principle to treat construction, maintenance and development of roads as an industry.

Rules and Criteria for Appointment of Research Associates and Junior Fellows in the Banaras Hindu University

2716. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the rules and criteria under which Research Associates and Junior Fellows have been appointed in the Banaras Hindu University under various schemes, projects and Centres;

(b) whether it is a fact that these appointments have been made against the rules by improper selection committees;

(c) whether appointments in IRD, Centre for Nepal Study of State Government (Department of Political Science) have been made without constituting Selection Committees violating rules and guidelines prescribed for the purpose;

(d) whether such Research Associates are required to work in the agencies from 10.00 A.M. to 5 P.M.;

(e) whether Government are aware that these Research Associates take regular classes in Mahila Vidyalaya etc.; and

(f) if so, what are the details in this regard and what steps have been taken to stop such irregularities?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) According to the information furnished by the Banaras Hindu University, appointments of Research Associates and Junior Research Fellows in the University have been made in accordance with the University Grants Commission guidelines on the subject.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) As per UGC guidelines, Research Associates are required to do whole-time research work. However, their services may be utilised for strengthening the teaching programmes in Universities/Institutions with the permission of the Head of the Department. Teaching work by Research Associates shall not exceed eight hours a week.

The University has assigned teaching classes, in Mahila Mahavidyalaya to Research Scholars in Accordance with the UGC guidelines. In a very few cases, they were also requested to take additional classes to facilitate coverage of courses on account of shortage of teachers.